

MINUTE of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in the MOOT HALL, MARKET PLACE, BRAMPTON on TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

18 Persons present including:

Councillor Mrs. J. L. Pattinson, Chairman of Brampton Parish Council, (in the chair), Councillors T. Barwick, R. Grant, J. Harding, I. Pennington, Mrs. C. Ridley, Mrs. S. Robinson, D. Shepherd, Mrs. M. Smith, L. Tweddle and N. Westlake.

Carlisle City Councillors M. Mitchelson and Mrs. J. Prest.

IN ATTENDANCE – Clerk To The Parish Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Brown, Prest, Read-Bone and Thompson.

MINUTES

The minute of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th April, 2005 was submitted for approval.

APPROVED

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Pattinson thanked the councillors for all their work and then reported on the activities of the Parish Council during the preceding year, including:-

- The appointment of a new Clerk
- The retention of the precept for 2006/2007 at £82,000.
- Cumbria In Bloom - the parish gained a silver award in our category. Thanks to all those who took part, namely Councillors Robinson, Ridley, Thompson and Smith. Also, the Garden of Remembrance at Murray Croft, Craw Hall, Brampton had received a Gold Award in the competition. The parish has entered the 2006 Cumbria In Bloom competition
- The Parish Plan has been launched and distributed to all local residents.
- The actions of the Parish Council against the threatened closure of the Brampton War Memorial Hospital
- The transfer of ownership of Talkin Tarn to Carlisle City Council had now taken place and the Parish Council were looking forward to the sympathetic improvements of the area.

River Eden Special Area of Conservation & River Eden and Tributaries Site of Special Scientific Interest

The Chairman introduced Ms. Maggie Robinson, English Nature who explained the reasons for, and spoke on the implications of the designation of the River Gelt and its banks as a Special Area of Conservation and as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Following a short question and answer session, the Chairman thanked Ms. Robinson for her presentation.

Town and country planning - Kirby Moor Country House Hotel, Longtown Road, Brampton

At the invitation of the Chairman, the directors of North Lakes Children's Services made a presentation on their proposal to change the use of the former Kirby Moor Country House Hotel, Longtown Road to a residential care home with on site educational facilities, explaining the reasons for the proposal, their background and experience in establishing and managing such a facility and the nature of the residential and educational proposals.

A lengthy and vigorous question and answer session ensued with the public and Councillors present expressing their dissatisfaction with the proposal, their concerns at the perceived lack of experience of the management and their lack of confidence in the ability to control potentially disruptive children.

The Chairman thanked the Directors for their attendance, presentation and willingness to address local concerns.